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SUBJ: ALLEGED BREACHES OF UN RHODESIAN EMBARGO BY
DUTCH-BASED FIRM

1. PRESS, RADIO AND TV HERE HAVE CARRIED ALLEGATIONS BY
DUTCH ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT (AAM) THAT ESTABLISHMENT
ZEPHYR HOLLAND TRANSITO B.V. (WTDR 7/73) AND ITS MOTHER
COMPANY, JOBA N.V. (WTDR 1/17) BOTH OF 79 MENSINGE,
AMSTERDAM, ARE ENGAGED IN "INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CON-
SPIRACY" TO BREAK UN EMBARGO AGAINST RHODESIA. AAM HAS
RELEASED DOCUMENTS PURPORTING TO SHOW THAT ZEPHYR AND JOBA
HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH SCAC IN ROUEN, LEMANO IN LAUSANNCE AND
ZEPHYR BRANCH IN VADUZ TO FRUSTRATE EMBARGO THROUGH USE OF
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GABONESE AIRLINE AFFRETAIR. PUBLICITY FAILED TO MENTION

JOBACHEM S.A. IN SOUTH AMERICA. DUTCH WIRE SERVICE ANP (BUT NOT RADIO AND TV) MENTIONED AAM CHARGE THAT AMCONGEN AMSTERDAM WAS "MAINTAINING RELATIONS" WITH ZEPHYR.

2. REVIEW OF OUR FILES IN HAGE AND AMSTERDAM REVEAL NO "RELATIONSHIP" WITH THESE COMPANIES OTHER THAN USDOC INITIATED REQUESTS FOR WTDR INFO TO BOTH JOBA AND ZEPHYR AND DISCUSSIONS WITH JOBA RE BIC/OEC INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION CASE 4(70)17. WE ASSUME AAM GAINED ACCESS TO ZEPHYR/ JOBA FILES, SAW THIS CORRESPONDENCE, AND ATTEMPTED TO GIVE MEDIA IMPRESSION THAT USG WAS SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN EMBARGO-BUSTING ACTIVITY. STORY IN NOV 24 ISSUE OF THE ECONOMIST MAKES NO REFERENCE TO CONGEN.

3. DUTCH MINECON OFFICIAL (DE ROO) HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT GON IS BUILDING UP STRONG CASE AGAINST ZEPHYR/JOBACHEM AND WILL PROBABLY PROSECUTE. HE SAID ALLEGED VIOLATIONS INVOLVE GOODS OF DUTCH, BRITISH AND GERMAN ORIGIN BUT NOT (AS FAR AS HE COULD RECALL OFFHAND) AMERICAN.

4. ACCORDING TO HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE GON INTERNAL SECURITY SOURCE AAM IS AD HOC GROUPING OF LIKE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS WITH NO FORMAL ORGANIZATION AND NO ESTABLISHED CONNECTION WITH ANY SINGLE POLITICAL FACTION.

5. LIST OF ZEPHYR SUPPLIERS IS CLOSELY HELD WITHIN GON AND WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE SHOWN TO US ONLY IF AMERICAN PRODUCTS ARE INVOLVED.

6. WE HAVE DECIDED FOR TIME BEING AGAINST ISSUANCE OF STATEMENT DENYING COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ZEPHYR OR JOBA (AUSTRALIAN COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR HAS ISSUED ONE RE SIMILAR AAM INNUENDO AGAINST HIM) AS THIS WOULD GIVE ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY TO AAM CHARGE THUS FAR CARRIED ONLY IN DOMESTIC WIRE SERVICE REPORT. IT MIGHT ALSO TRIGGER RENEWED DISCUSSION OF US CONGRESSIONAL ACTION LAST YEAR ON RHODESIAN CHROME ORE. HOWEVER, IN CASE OF INQUIRIES OR FURTHER PUBLICITY RE AAM'S UNFOUNDED ALLEGATION WE WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

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